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SUBJECT: (S) NIAG 7053: GERMAN RESPONSE ON IRANIAN FIRM
POSSIBLY ORDERING GAS CENTRIFUGE-RELATED ITEMS FROM GERMANY

REF: A. BERLIN 763
[1](#)B. STATE 47981

Classified By: Acting Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs Douglas B
. Neumann, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (S) German MFA Export Control Division Desk Officer
Andreas Kauke met Global Affairs officer July 19 and passed
the following German-language non-paper. Kauke said the
German Government investigated the information contained in
ref B concerning an attempt by the Iranian firm Tajhiz Novin
Tous Company to procure rotary pumps from the German firm
Pfeiffer. He reported that Pfeiffer and PVA TePla AG,
another German producer of vacuum pumps located in the same
town as Pfeiffer, informed German authorities that they had
not been approached by Novin Tous Company nor by China's
Sino-NSH Oil Purification Company concerning the sale of
rotary pumps. Both German firms assured the German
authorities that they would apply for an export license
should either Novin Tous Company or Sino-NSH solicit rotary
pumps from them. Kauke said the German authorities notified
the two German firms to apply for a license whenever they
sought to export dual-use items to Iranian entities.

[1](#)2. (S) Begin unofficial embassy translation of
German-language text:

Concerning the Non-paper from April 11, 2007, given to us
April 13, 2007, about the Iranian attempt to procure rotary
pumps from the firm Pfeiffer, allow us to bring the following
information to the attention of U.S. authorities:

-- We thank you for the information related to the suspected
attempt to procure rotary pumps by the Iranian firm Tajhiz
Novin Tous from the German firm Pfeiffer. These pumps, which
are suitable for a nuclear program, are supposed to be
procured through China.

-- The German export control authorities do not have any
information regarding this case, and the relevant inquiries
were negative. An initial contact with the firms Pfeiffer
Vacuum GmbH and PVA TePla AG, both of which are located in
Asslar, showed that neither firm had been approached by the
named Iranian or Chinese firms. Both said they would inform
the Federal Office of Economics and Export Controls (BAFA) if
they received this kind of inquiry in the future.

-- Provided that the U.S. authorities have additional
information available which could help clarify the
significance of this case, we would be very grateful to
receive it.

We look forward to our continuing outstanding cooperation in
the area of export controls.

End text.

